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PATENT APPLICATION  
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*OR*

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# MICROWAVE PLASMA STERILIZING METHOD AND DEVICE

***(Title of the Invention)***

the specification of which

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